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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____ .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Castelli et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,141,445).

Regarding claim 1, Castelli discloses:

- performing a multiresolution transformation process on an image signal to

obtain multiresolution transformed signals (col. 4, lines 34-37);

- performing a coefficient transformation process, which corresponds to a desired image processing, on said multiresolution transformed signals to obtain processed transformed signals which carry a processed image subjected to said desired image processing (col. 4, lines 37-41);

- performing coding process on said processed transformed signals to obtain processed coded data which carries said processed image (Fig. 2: step 210);

- decoding said processed coded data and further performing an inverse multiresolution transformation process, to obtain a processed image signal which carries said processed image (col. 10, lines 40-44).

Regarding claim 2, Castelli discloses:

- performing a multiresolution transformation process on an image signal to obtain multiresolution transformed signals (col. 4, lines 34-37);

- performing coding process on said multiresolution transformed signals to obtain coded data (Fig. 2: step 210);

- decoding said coded data to obtain decoded transformed signals (col. 10, lines 40-44);

- performing a coefficient transformation process, which corresponds to a desired image processing, on said decoded transformed signals to obtain processed transformed signals which carry a processed image subjected to said desired image processing (col. 4, lines 37-41);

- performing an inverse multiresolution transformation process on said processed transformed signals to obtain a processed image signal which carries said processed image (col. 10, lines 40-44).

Regarding claim 3, since this claim is an apparatus claim corresponding to method claim 1, the discussion of claim 1 applies hereto.

Regarding claim 4, since this claim is an apparatus claim corresponding to method claim 2, the discussion of claim 2 applies hereto.

Regarding claim 5, Castelli discloses:

- multiresolution transformation means for performing a multiresolution transformation process on an image signal to obtain multiresolution transformed signals (col. 4, lines 34-37);

- coefficient transformation means for performing a coefficient transformation process, which corresponds to a desired image processing, on said multiresolution transformed signals to obtain processed transformed signals which carry a processed image subjected to said desired image processing (col. 4, lines 37-41);

- coding means for performing coding process on said processed transformed signals to obtain processed coded data which carries said processed image (Fig. 2: step 210).

Regarding claim 6, Castelli discloses:

- decoding means for decoding said coded data to obtain decoded transformed signals (col. 10, lines 40-44);

- coefficient transformation means for performing a coefficient transformation

process, which corresponds to a desired image processing, on said decoded transformed signals to obtain processed transformed signals which carry a processed image subjected to said desired image processing (col. 4, lines 37-41);

- inverse multiresolution transformation means for performing an inverse multiresolution transformation process on said processed transformed signals to obtain a processed image signal which carries said processed image (col. 10, lines 40-44).

Regarding claim 7, Castelli discloses a computer readable storage medium recording a program for performing the steps in claim 1 (col. 3, lines 53-57).

Regarding claim 8, Castelli discloses a computer readable storage medium recording a program for performing the steps in claim 2 (col. 3, lines 53-57).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANH H DO whose telephone number is 703-308-6720. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DAVID K MOORE can be reached on 703-308-7452. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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